

VZCZCXRO0069  
OO RUEHBC RUEHDE RUEHKUK RUEHROV  
DE RUEHKU #0850 1501342  
ZNR UUUUU ZZH  
O 301342Z MAY 07  
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9252  
INFO RUEHEE/ARAB LEAGUE COLLECTIVE PRIORITY

UNCLAS KUWAIT 000850

SIPDIS

SENSITIVE  
SIPDIS

FOR NEA/ARP AND ISN/MTR

E.O. 12958: N/A  
TAGS: [PREL](#) [MNUC](#) [KSCA](#) [ETTC](#) [TSPA](#) [KU](#)  
SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: KUWAIT NONCOMMITTAL ON JOINING  
HCOC

REF: STATE 72346

(SBU) PolOff delivered on May 30 reftel points and passed sample Note Verbale and the text of the Hague Convention of Conduct (HCOC) to Rashid Al-Salih, the MFA official responsible for international agreements. Al-Salih said that Kuwait shared U.S. concerns about the proliferation of ballistic weapons, especially given the current tensions in the Gulf region. He noted that Kuwait was a party to many similar international treaties and initiatives and said he was not aware of any particular reason Kuwait would not sign on to the HCOC. PolOff provided the list of signatories to the HCOC in response to Al-Salih's question as to whether any other Arab or Gulf countries had signed. Al-Salih promised to pass the materials to the appropriate authorities in the Ministry.

\*\*\*\*\*  
For more reporting from Embassy Kuwait, visit:  
<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/nea/kuwait/?cable s>

Visit Kuwait's Classified Website:  
<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/nea/kuwait/>  
\*\*\*\*\*

LeBaron